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H. R. 4074

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Reed introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. MARKING OF IMPORTED JEWELRY.
- 4 (a) Marking Requirement.—By no later than the
- 5 date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
- 6 Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe and im-
- 7 plement regulations that require that all jewelry described
- 8 in subsection (b) that enters the customs territory of the
- 9 United States have the English name of the country of
- 10 origin indelibly marked in a conspicuous place on such

- 1 jewelry by cutting, die-sinking, engraving, stamping, or
- 2 some other permanent method. The exceptions from mark-
- 3 ing requirements provided in section 304 of the Tariff Act
- 4 of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1304) shall not apply to jewelry sub-
- 5 ject to this section.
- 6 (b) Jewelry.—The jewelry referred to in subsection
- 7 (a) is any article described in heading 7113 or 7117 of
- 8 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

9 SEC. 2. DEFINITION.

- 10 As used in this Act, the term "enters the customs
- 11 territory of the United States" means enters, or is with-
- 12 drawn from warehouse for consumption, in the customs
- 13 territory of the United States.

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